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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2-CHLORO-5-

CHLOROMETHYL-THIAZOLE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Sir:

This paper is submitted after the Notice of Appeal mailed March 19, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 69 to read as follows below. (A marked-up copy of the claim showing the amendment is attached at the end of this paper.)

--69. (amended) Process for the preparation of 2-chloro-5-chloromethylthiazole of the formula (I)

(I)

characterized in that 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione of the formula (II)